IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 1 to read as follows:

FIG. 3 is a block diagram of one embodiment of the ~~controller~~ <u>vendor device</u> depicted in FIG. 1;

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4 to read as follows:

FIG. 4 is a ~~tabular representation of a portion of a patch database according to an embodiment of the present invention~~ <u>block diagram of one embodiment of the controller depicted in FIG. 1</u>;

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 7 to read as follows:

FIG. 5 is a tabular representation of a portion of ~~an instruction~~ <u>a patch</u> database according to an embodiment of the present invention;

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 10 to read as follows:

FIG. 6 is a ~~block diagram of one embodiment of the vendor device depicted in FIG. 1~~ <u>tabular representation of a portion of an instruction database according to an embodiment of the present invention</u>; and

Amend the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 4 to read as follows:

[[FIG.4]] <u>FIG. 4</u> illustrates an embodiment of controller 400. In one embodiment, controller 400 is operated by a service provider on behalf of one or more software vendors, providers, or manufacturers to provide patches to a number of user devices 200. In one embodiment, controller 400 is a Web-based server in communication with one or more user devices 200 and one or more vendor devices 300 via a network such as the Internet. Those

skilled in the art will recognize, upon reading this disclosure, that controller 400 may be implemented as a system controller, a dedicated hardware circuit, an appropriately programmed general purpose computer, or any other equivalent electronic, mechanical or electro-mechanical device capable of providing the functionality described herein.